

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, first responders risk their own safety and personal property in the execution of their duties to protect the public on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, first responders are the first line of defense for the public against threats, both domestic and foreign; and

WHEREAS, first responders stand at the ready to come to the aid of the citizens of the United States of America 24 hours a day; and

WHEREAS, first responders are a vital part of our communities, not only standing ready to deal with emergencies but also volunteering our schools and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, first responders are highly trained, specialized workers who undergo significant education and training, and contribute their excellent skills for the public good and often for no pay; and

WHEREAS, individuals, both career and volunteer, from police, fire, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and other organizations in the public safety sector, come together as a collective to aid the public in the event of an emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2015 as

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 14th day of August, A.D. 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor